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**AMENDMENTS**

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2006**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 15, 2006, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for December 15, 2006. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.